

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7 and 8 have been canceled.

Claim 12 has been amended to correct minor informalities. Claim 17 has been amended by including the limitations of Claim 1 as presented in the previous amendment. Claim 1 has been amended by including the limitations of Claims 5, 7 and 8. Claim 11 has been amended by including the limitations of Claims 5, 7 and 8. New Claim 20 is supported by Claim 5 as originally filed.

The above amendments overcome the prior art rejections mentioned in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Office Action of August 3, 2005, because Claims 7 and 8 were not rejected over these references.

The amendments also overcome the provisional rejections in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Office Action of August 3, 2005, because Claims 7 and 8 were not included in these rejections.

The amendments also overcome the provisional rejection in paragraph 11 of the Office Action of August 3, 2005, because Claim 8 was not included in this rejection.

The amendments also overcome the provisional rejection in paragraph 12 of the Office Action of August 3, 2005, because Claim 7 was not included in this rejection.

The rejection of Claim 12 as being indefinite has been obviated by the amendment of Claim 12.

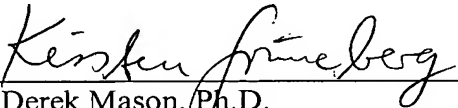
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Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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